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Cuban Sugar Exports During 1964

The Cuban sugar crop for 1964 is now estimated at 3.5 million tons and this will produce an exportable surplus of about 3.0 million tons. It is not yet clear how this surplus will be divided between Bloc and Free world markets. Cuba is now negotiating its 1964 trade protocols with the Bloc and the sugar export pattern will not be established until these are signed. On the basis of the history of the past several years, however, it seems likely that Cuba will export about one million tons to the Free world during 1964 and two million tons to the Bloc.

Cuban Sugar Exports
1960-1963

(in thousands of metric tons)

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963 (Est*)</u>
USSR	1,577	3,303	2,112	1,200
European Satellites	215	456	615	500
Communist China	550	1,064	952	500
Total Bloc	<u>2,342</u>	<u>4,823</u>	<u>3,689</u>	<u>2,200</u>
Free World	<u>1,278</u>	<u>1,587</u>	<u>1,441</u>	<u>1,200</u>
Grand Total	<u>5,620</u>	<u>6,410</u>	<u>5,130</u>	<u>3,400</u>

* While the figures for 1963 are estimates they are now supported by a considerable body of evidence and appear to be reasonably accurate.

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Exports to the free world can be expected to sell at about 10 cents per pound if current world futures prices are taken as a guide. At this

World Sugar Futures Prices

	<u>1964</u>				<u>1963</u>			
	<u>2 Aug.</u>	<u>2 Sep.</u>	<u>3 Oct.</u>	<u>12 Nov.</u>	<u>2 Aug.</u>	<u>2 Sep.</u>	<u>3 Oct.</u>	<u>12 Nov.</u>
January	6.79	6.6	8.8	11.90				
March	6.10	7.45	9.12	10.72				
July	6.00	6.35	9.10	10.55				
September	5.82	6.10	8.88	9.82				

price, one million tons would be worth \$220 million. There is no evidence that Bloc prices will be increased above the 6 cents per pound paid during 1963, therefore, it is probable that two million tons sold to the Bloc would be valued at about \$265 million. Thus total export earnings from sugar alone may reach \$485 million compared to an estimated \$375 to \$425 million during 1963. Total exports during 1964 would total about \$560 million under these assumptions compared to the \$450 to \$500 million estimated for 1963.

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